are available but not used in all cases because of their high cost and erratic supply. Shortage of Anti Rabies Serum has been reported occasionally to the Directorate General of Health Services by Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi in the past. The supply of ARS was made immediately through Central Reserarch Institute, Kasauli to the Hospital and the Director, CRI Kasauli has been advised to ensure the timely supply to all the indentors including Delhi.

Standardizing Unani drugs

2246. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in an effort to standardize the manufacture of Unani drugs and make them of the quality acceptable in the world market, the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) has signed a MOU with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Indian Institute of Technical Technology;

(b) whether it is a fact that coming together of CSIR and CCRUM will help to provide the world quality herbal products and health for all at an affordable cost;

(c) whether export of Unani drugs would also increase; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes Sir. The CCRUM have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CSIR on 17.5.2000 to develop bioactive molecules and to establish standardization procedure and improved processing and preserving techniques applicable to Unani System of Medicines for simple and compound formulation for global competitions.

(b) to (d) The exchange of scientific knowledge between the two organisations and development of standards for manufacture of Unani drugs would not only provide the quality drugs of international standards at affordable cost but would certainly help in increase in the export of unani drugs.